Dear Sir or Madam,

I am a mother of a child that receives special education, my child benefits from services from CREC because she has unilateral hearing loss. There is a Teacher for the Hearing Impaired that works with my child on weekly basis, she is helping her to become more independent and advocate for herself using her hearing aid, we can not imagine the extent of the loss my child could experience if CREC did not provide this service for my child, CREC staff have the knowledge, the experience and are trained to teach my child in a way she can benefit. HB 5447 jeopardizes the services CREC provides to my child, which are fundamental to her access to appropriate education. As a mother of a child in need of services form an independent provider, I kindly request your support to oppose HB 5447.

Thank you in advance for your help, Martha Calleros Glastonbury, CT